

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 23, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:03 AM.

PARTICIPANTS: COMMISSIONERS MARK RAYMOND, AND MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR. COMMISSIONER BILL STRINGER, EXCUSED.

ATTENDANCE: JC BREWER, ZEKE ATWOOD, ROBERT BARNHILL, KELLY HARVEY, WENDI LONG, ADAM MASSEY, LOREN ANDERSON, JOEL BROWN, BRENDA MCDONALD, MATT CAZIER, ANNIE SMITH, JON STEARMER, AND BARBARA SIMPER.

MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER

PRAYER GIVEN BY BRENDA MCDONALD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ROBERT BARNHILL

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2015 AND SPECIAL MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2015

WARRANTS DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,950.23 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TAX MATTERS: WENDI LONG

WENDI REQUESTED APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$767.73 FOR TAX YEAR 2015 FOR SERIAL NUMBER 05:105:0057. THIS PARCEL SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CREATED AS IT IS A CANAL. THE SERIAL NUMBER NEEDS TO BE DELETED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX ABATEMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

WENDI ALSO REQUESTED APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL PUMPING PLANT EXEMPTIONS FOR MOON LAKE AND PACIFICORP. THEY QUALIFY FOR THIS EXEMPTION AS THEY SUPPLY POWER FOR AGRICULTURAL PUMPING. THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT IS \$6,742.89.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE PUMPING PLANT EXEMPTION AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

BUSINESS LICENSES: ROBERT BARNHILL

MOGEN AND MOGEN ENTERPRISES OWNED BY BILL MOGEN, LOCATED AT 545 SOUTH 300 WEST, VERNAL IN RA-1 ZONING. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED TWICE BEFORE. THIS LICENSE IS FOR PORTABLE RESTROOMS. AFTER SEVERAL MESSAGES, THE APPLICANT HAS INDICATED THEY HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SEWER PLANT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE WASTE. THE SEWER PLANT WILL BILL THEM MONTHLY. THIS ANSWERS ALL THE COMMISSIONERS' QUESTIONS. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL RA-1 ZONING, HOME BUSINESS, AND TRI COUNTY HEALTH REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MOGEN AND MOGEN WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AND THE CONDITION TO FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE LAWS. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TAX MATTERS: BARBARA SIMPER

BARBARA REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ABATEMENT OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$451.11 FOR TAX YEAR 2015. THE BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY WAS ATTACHED BUT IT HAS BEEN PAID AND NOW NEEDS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY TAX.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX MATTER AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

CEMETERY CERTIFICATES: ZEKE ATWOOD

CURT SHINER AND CHRISTINE SHINER PURCHASED BLOCK H118 LOT 2 SPACE 1 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$300.00.

HARLAN WILKINS AND VICKIE WILKINS PURCHASED PLAT B BLOCK 6 LOT 43 SPACES A, B, C AND D AND PLAT B BLOCK 6 LOT 44 SPACES A, B, C, AND D IN THE JENSEN CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$2,000.00.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY CERTIFICATES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

BID AWARD FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS: DRUG COURT

JON STEARMER LED THE DISCUSSION. THIS IS THE LAST OUTSTANDING CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED. THE OTHERS ARE ALMOST COMPLETED. CLINT HENDRICKS WAS THE ONLY BID FOR DRUG COURT. HIS BID IS A MONTHLY INCREASE OF \$200 OVER THE CURRENT CONTRACT. JON HAS SPOKEN WITH CLINT HENDRICKS, LOREN ANDERSON AND MICHAEL DRECHSEL TO REVIEW THE CASE LOAD. JON STEARMER IS CONCERNED THE CASE LOAD DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE INCREASE IN COST. CURRENTLY, THERE IS A DECREASE IN DRUG COURT BUT THINGS ARE BEING RESTRUCTURED AND THE NUMBERS MAY INCREASE AGAIN. THE COUNTY HAS TWO OPTIONS, APPROVE THE BID AS IT IS THE ONLY BID OR REJECT ALL BIDS AND WAIT TO SEE HOW THE CASE LOAD IS AND BID OUT AGAIN. THERE WOULD BE A BIT OF A DISRUPTION TO DRUG COURT WITH A LAPSE IN THE CONTRACT. THE RATE OF \$1200 A MONTH EQUATES TO 24 HOURS PER MONTH AT \$50 AN HOUR. ACCORDING TO JON'S CALCULATIONS, THIS IS A LITTLE HIGH. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO ENSURE THOSE GOING THROUGH THE PROGRAM CAN COMPLETE IT WITH LITTLE DISRUPTION.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL AS THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PUBLIC PROCESS. HE FEELS \$200 IS NOT AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT. HE DID NOT FEEL IT BEST TO REJECT AND REBID AT A LATER DATE. JON STEARMER NOTED THERE ARE POSITIVE ASPECTS TO APPROVING THE BID BUT IS CONCERNED WITH JUSTIFYING THE INCREASE. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND FELT IT WOULD BE BEST TO TABLE IN ORDER FOR ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS TO COME TO A CONCLUSION AS HE WOULD PREFER TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO TABLE THE DRUG COURT BID AWARD. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM GDA FOR AIRPORT PAVEMENT PRESERVATION CRACK SEAL AND SEAL COAT

KELLY HARVEY ADDRESSED THE MEETING. THE BIDS WERE OPENED LAST WEEK. THE GRANT IS NOT SUFFICIENT ENOUGH FOR EVEN THE LOWEST BID. GDA IS SENDING A REQUEST TO UDOT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING, \$5000.00, TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THIS WILL INCREASE THE COUNTY'S PORTION BY \$555.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ANY ADDITIONAL APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES IN RELATION TO THIS REQUEST. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

ANTENNA TELEVISION SUPPORT – SHERRIE MCMICKEL

SHERRIE MCMICKEL WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO FORMALLY ADDRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY REQUESTING THE FCC NOT SELL THE BROADBAND. AN INDIVIDUALS LOCATION WOULD AFFECT WHICH CHANNELS THEY WOULD LOSE. CONGRESS IS SELLING BANDS 31 – 54. THE

COMMISSIONERS CAN SEND LETTERS BUT THEY BELIEVE THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. THE NEXT OPTION IS TO WORK WITH IT AND UPDATE THE EQUIPMENT TO BROADCAST THE CHANNELS AT A DIFFERENT BAND. IT IS A POSSIBILITY THERE WILL BE SOME FUNDING FROM THE SELL TO ASSIST WITH CHANGING EQUIPMENT.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE

THERE ARE POSITIONS BEING NOTICED IN THE PAPER.

PUBLIC INPUT:

JC BREWER ASKED ABOUT COMMUNICATION IN THE BOOKCLIFFS. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT A RELAY STATION OR SOMETHING SIMILAR, SET UP FOR EMERGENCIES. COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THE STATE APPROVED A SPECIFIC FREQUENCY RANGE FOR THE STATE. ALL OUR EQUIPMENT HAD TO BE REPLACED OR FIXED TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUIREMENT. A LOT OF MONEY WAS EXPENDED. THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE DEAD SPOTS. JOHN LAURSEN, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN INVOLVED. THIS HELPED WITH EMERGENCY RADIO SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. JC WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE UTILIZING THE BOOKCLIFFS HAVE ACCESS TO A RELAY STATION IN ORDER TO GET A MESSAGE OUT WHEN NECESSARY. SATELLITE PHONES DO BETTER IN THIS REMOTE AREA BUT FEW HAVE THEM. THE COUNTY SUPPORTS COMPANIES THAT CAN PROVIDE SERVICE TO THESE AREAS.

ADJOURN: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:33 A.M.



MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

